

Museum Stories March 31, 2021



John V. Cornell, *View of the Hudson Highlands from Ruggles House, Newburgh, NY*, 1838, Oil on canvas, New-York Historical Society, Gift of the Collection of WaldronPhoenix Belknap, 1952.95

This week, Museum Stories floats along the Hudson River with sail boats. Watch the short video and make your own sailboat!

LOOK

Imagine that you are in this painting, standing on the port of Ruggles house, looking out at the Hudson River. What do you see first? Can you find the boats on the water and count how many you see? Do you want to sail on the river toward the mountains in the distance or island in the middle of the river?

READ

This week, the book recommendation is *An Island in the Sun* by Stella Blackstone. This book features beautifully colored pages showing a boy's travels in his sailboat. The words follow the same flowing up and down movement of the waves below, and feature repetition of the main sentence from page to page. We get to look through his spyglass and see, or spy, the same things he is gazing upon.

MAKE

Follow along with the video for instructions to make your own sailboat.

VBMA educators created this lesson plan.